

CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**

DATE: 1/20/2022
DOCKET#:

FILER INFORMATION

Name: J. Andrew Murrell
Office: Justice of the Peace, Justice of the Peace Ward 3, District 2
Parish: EAST BATON ROUGE
Election Date: 11/3/2020
Level of Office: Any

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 10-G
Original Due Date: 11/25/2020
Date Filed: 2/23/2021
Activity Receipts: \$5775.00
Expenditures: \$7,489.74
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$-0

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1000
Days Late: 90
Late Fee Order Received: 9/25/2021
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 10/15/2021
Waiver Request Received: 10/15/2021
Additional Information Requested:
X - Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: In November 2020, he was diagnosed with COVID and quarantined. After his diagnosis, his wife also contracted COVID quarantining our family at home for a month from the end of November until mid-December. His campaign struggled with completing the campaign finance disclosures and submitted the disclosures several times. During this time, he was in communication with a Board of Ethics representative, and we amended the finance discourses as requested by the representative. It was during this time we were informed of the missing 10-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report. As soon as we were notified, we immediately completed and uploaded the missing finance disclosure report. He had not received any notifications or correspondence since February 2021 until this letter, so he assumed the reports complied and the matter was closed.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No
Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No



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October 15, 2021

VIA FAX:

Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Board of Ethics
P.O. Box 4368
Baton Rouge, LA 70821
Fax: (225) 381-7271

RE: WAIVER

Late Fee Assessment for the November 3, 2020 Election
10-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report

Dear Executive Secretary:

I am in receipt of your letter dated October 1, 2021, whereby I was assessed a late fee of \$1,000.00 for filing the 10-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report 90 days late.

Please accept this letter as a request for a waiver of the late fee assessed for good cause. My campaign struggled with completing the campaign finance disclosures and submitted the disclosures several times. During this time, I was in communication with a Board of Ethics representative, and we supplemented the finance disclosures as requested by the representative. It was during this time we were informed of the missing 10-G Campaign Finance Disclosure Report. As soon as we were notified, we immediately completed and uploaded the missing finance disclosure report.

I have not received any notifications or correspondence since February 2021 until this letter, so I assumed the reports complied and the matter was closed.

In November 2020, I was diagnosed with COVID and quarantined. After my diagnosis, my wife also contracted COVID quarantining our family at home for a month from the end of November until mid-December.

The intent of the law is to prevent campaign finance violations and abuses from being perpetrated by candidates. In this matter the campaign did not attempt to defraud the Board of Ethics but rather it was an inexperienced campaign missing one disclosure. It is not alleged that our campaign missed any other reports nor is it alleged that we have been uncooperative or that we committed a campaign violation other than one late-filed report. Our campaign simply had difficulty interpreting the dates and deadlines for the reports and missed one.

It has been a difficult year because of COVID. I admit a mistake was made but it was an honest error and not one committed with ill intent. I am humbly requesting a waiver of the late fee assessed for the reasons as stated above.

I request to appear before the Board of Ethics in connection with this request. Thank you for the opportunity. Should you need anything further, please contact me at (225) 938-3559 or via email at Andrew@AndrewMurrell.com.

Sincerely,

J. Andrew Murrell

FAX

FROM

Andrew Murrell
Andrew Murrell Law Firm
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TO

Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Board of Ethics
Louisiana Board of Ethics

Phone
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DATE 10/15/2021

NOTE

To whom it may concern,

Please accept this letter as a written request for a waiver of the late fee assessed.

Once received, please confirm receipt via fax, 844-626-3739, or via email, Andrew@AndrewMurrell.com.

Thank you for your consideration!

J. Andrew Murrell



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January 20, 2022

Mr. J. Andrew Murrell
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St. George, LA 70809-6974

RE: Ethics Board Docket No.: 2022

Dear Mr. Murrell:

You recently requested a waiver of the late fee assessed against you for filing your campaign finance disclosure report late in connection with the November 3, 2020 election. In the request, you stated that you and your wife were diagnosed with COVID and quarantining your family at home from the end of November until mid-December. If you would like the Board to consider your medical situation, you must provide documentation verifying your claim. The information you provide will only be reviewed by the Ethics Board.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at the above number.

Please submit the documentation to the above address by **February 23, 2022**.

Sincerely,

LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Melissa Horn